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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2621

Application No.: 10/661,489

Examiner: G. TOPGYAL

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For: IMAGE REPRODUCTION SYSTEM THAT REPRODUCES STATIC IMAGE DATA SYNCHRONOUSLY WITH VIDEO DATA (AS AMENDED)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the April 4, 2008 Office Action, reconsideration is respectfully requested at least in light of the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Topgyal and Supervisory Tran at the May 14, 2008 personal interview. Applicants' separate record to the substance of the interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0288113 (Saunders) in view of newly cited U.S. Patent No. 4,685,003 (Westland). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action acknowledges that Saunders fails to particularly teach "a preprocessing unit that extracts static image from the video data by an operator operation," and alleges that "Manual or Auto shot selection" in Fig. 10 of Westland teaches the ability to